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I would like to have my comments in this e-mail considered when making the final

judgement in the Microsoft settlement. If you want to consider damages, my governments' actions against Microsoft have damaged many consumers much more than Microsoft's alleged monopoly could ever have. The plunge the stock market took can be related, in many respects, to the governments lawsuit against Microsoft. Millions of stock holders suffered damages when stocks they held plunged in value because of the perceived threat to the technology sector of the stock market. It wasn't just Microsoft stock holders either, many technology stocks were affected by this lawsuit.

Microsoft operates in one of the most competitive and dog-eat-dog businesses ever know to man. It has to constantly be inventing and researching and developing new and innovative ways to help consumers. The fact that Windows was put in many computers was a plus to help standardize a new , and to many people, baffling industry that changed the way the world goes about its everyday tasks. It made the learning field much more level and less confusing, there by familizing many millions of people with a brand new industry.

The public will not be served by prolonging this lawsuit. It stifles the positive energy of this nation that can be used in much more productive ways. Please for the good of all concerned, let's get this settled and move on.

Thank you,

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